(18) Statement No. V — Hundred and Seventy Fifth Session, 1995

(19) Statement No. IV — Hundred and Seventy Sixth Session, 1996

(20) Statement No. III — Hundred and Seventy Eighth Session, 1996

(21) Statement No. I — Hundred and Seventy Ninth Session, 1996

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MESSAGES FROM THE LOK SABHA

(I) The Industrial Reconstruction Bank (Transfer of Undertakings and Repeal) Bill, 1997

(II) The Depositories Related Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1997

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Madam, I have to report to the House the following messages received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:—

(I) "In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Industrial Reconstruction Bank (Transfer of Undertakings and Repeal) Bill, 1997. as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 5th March, 1997."

(II) "In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Depositories Related Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1997, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 5th March, 1997."

Madam, I lay a copy of each of the Bills on the Table.

ANNOUNCEMEN RE.GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENDING 10TIIMARCH, 1997

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): Madam, with your permission, 1 rise to announce that Government Business during the week commencing Monday, the 10th March, 1997 will consist of:—

1. Consideration of any item of Government Business carried over from today's Order Paper.

2. Discussion on the Statutory Resolution seeking disapproval of the National Highways Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 1997 and consideration and passing of the National Highways Laws (Amendment) Bill. 1997.

3. Discussion on the Statutory Resolutions seeking disapproval of the following Ordinances and consideration and passing of the Bills replacing these Ordinances, as passed by Lok Sabha:—

   (a) The Special Court (Trial of Offences Relating to Transactions in Securities) Amendment Ordinance. 1997.

   (b) The Industrial Reconstruction Bank (Transfer of Undertakings and Repeal) Ordinance, 1997

   (c) The Depositories Related Laws (Amendment) Ordinance. 1997.

4. Discussion, on the Statutory Resolution seeking disapproval of the Port Laws (Amendment) Ordinance. 1997 and consideration and passing of the Port Laws (Amendment) Bill 1997.

5. Consideration and return of the following Bills as passed by Lok Sabha:—
   (a) The Appropriation (Railways) Vote on Account Bill, 1997.
   (b) The Appropriation (Railways) No. 1 Bill, 1997.
   (c) The Appropriation (Railways) No. 2 Bill, 1997.
6. General Discussion on General Budget for 1997-98.

SHRI M.A. BABY: Madam, with your permission, I want to raise a matter related to the very irresponsible manner in which...

श्री रामदास अग्रवाल : महोदय.....

उपसभापति : क्या बात है, आज शार्ट-डयुरेशन डिस्कशन है।

SHRI M.A. BABY: Madam, I have given notice about the centenary celebration of Shri V.K. Krishnan Menon...

श्री रामदास अग्रवाल : मैडम, मुझे केवल दो मिनट का समय दिया जाये । मैं सभी सांसदों से निवेदन करूगा....(**व्यवधान**)... मैं एक ऐसे गम्भीर विषय की ओर आपका ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूं । ....(**व्यवधान**)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay, Ramdas Agarwalji. Let us hear what Mr. Baby wants to say—I don't know what he wants to say. We always give preference to Babies!

RE: CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF SHRI V.K. KRISHNA MENON

SHRI M.A. BABY (Kerala): Madam, you are aware that this year happens to be the centenary year of one of the most outstanding sons of our country who was in the forefront of the freedom struggle, Shri V.K. Krishna Menon. The centenary of Shri V.K. Krishna Menon is from 3rd May, 1996 to 3rd May, 1997. We have only two months remaining for the completion of this centenary celebrations of Shri V.K. Krishna Menon.

Madam, even the very inauguration of this centenary celebrations was held only a week ago. We have had a Committee for the centenary celebrations formed earlier under the chairmanship of former Prime Minister Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao. The present Chairman of the National Committee for Celebrations is the present Prime Minister, Shri Deve Gowda. Madam, when these centenary celebrations were inaugurated a week ago in Vigyan Bhavan by the hon. Chairman of our House, the Vice-President of our country, Shri K.R. Narayanan, the Prime Minister was present and a former Prime Minister was also present. The National Doordarshan did not cover the inauguration of the centenary celebrations of one of the most outstanding sons of our country who was in the forefront of our freedom struggle. One need not have to introduce the credentials of Shri V.K. Krishna Menon. He was a Member of this House in the year 1956 representing the State of Madras. Madam, the late Krishna Menon was a Member of the other House representing three other Provinces, namely, Bombay, West Bengal and my own home State, Kerala, to which Mr. Menon belonged. I do not know whether the step-fatherly treatment meted out to the centenary celebrations of Shri Krishna Menon — I do not say step-motherly; I say step-fatherly attitude — ... *(Interruptions)*... is due to the fact that he belonged to the farthest State of the country. I do not know whether it is due to this fact that his centenary celebrations are being treated so shabbily. Madam, this 'is not a question of treatment meted out to one of the outstanding sons of our country; but this is an insult to the generation which fought for our freedom. Madam, during the tipe of freedom struggle he was known as the spokesman of the freedom struggle in ...*(Interruptions)*...